

Subject: [CCSS] Message #57: In Common: Effective Writing for All Students

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Dear Arkansas educator:

In Common:Effective Writing for All Students is a resource developed for educators to see what the Common Core State Standards might look like in student hands.

This collection of K-12 annotated student writing samples aligned to the ELA Writing Standards was created

by expert classroom teachers and writing coaches, collected from classrooms across the country, and organized in a variety of easy-to-access ways.

At least two samples of student work (and often many more) are provided at each grade level, in each of the three writing types described in the CCSS Writing Standards. Each piece is in a separate, downloadable file, freely available for classroom use

and professional development. These files are organized into three sections by writing type (argument/opinion, informative /explanatory and narrative) and by grade cluster (K-2, 3-5 and 6-12).

The three writing types in In Common are further subdivided into two subsections, ³On-Demand Writing² and ³Range of Writing.² Each piece has been transcribed as the student wrote it, with the same errors in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation as the original. Pieces are annotated to show their relationship to CCSS Writing Standards 1-3.

This resource is available at <http://www.achievethecore.org/>. Once on this site, click on ELA/Literacy button at the top, then choose the 2nd green arrow on the page-Student Writing Samples. In Common: Effective Writing for All Students is the first resource in this box.

A direct link to the resource is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/mzmhd3p>

In Common was developed for educators in partnership by the Vermont Writing Collaborative, CCSSO, and Student Achievement Partners and is designed to support educators and students by providing concrete examples of effective, Common Core aligned writing at a range of developmental levels. It is intended to be a ³living document², which will be added to, revised, and improved as more teachers and students work with the Common Core Standards. The student writing samples in

In Common provide an excellent supplement to the samples of student writing in Appendix C of the Common Score State Standards.

Please share this information with others that might be interested! Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas!

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